ANNUAL REPORT

CORONER

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CALIFORNIA

Ben H. Brown, Coroner

FISCAL YEAR

JULY 1, 1951

JUNE 30, 1952

August 27, 1952.

Honorable Board of Supervisors,
County of Los Angeles,
Los Angeles, California.

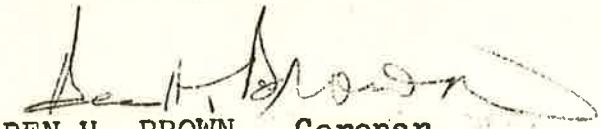
Gentlemen:

Presented herewith is the annual report of the Office of Coroner of Los Angeles County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1952.

This report contains a statistical report and summary of the year's accomplishments.

We are pleased to report no major disaster or epedemic during the fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,



BEN H. BROWN, Coroner.

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County of Los Angeles, California

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 1952

BEN H. BROWN, Coroner

VICTOR L. WALLAGE, Chief Deputy

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CORONER DEPARTMENT - ANNUAL REPORT 1951-52

Date of Report: August 27, 1952.

The Coroner's Department had a caseload of 8134 cases for the fiscal year 1951-52, which shows an increase of 360 over the previous year. A breakdown of this total is as follows:

Deaths due to natural causes	5145
Due to traffic	749
Due to suicides	667
Due to homicides	172
Due to industrial accidents	134
Due to miscellaneous accidents	1166

Of the 749 traffic fatalities, 319 were pedestrian, 129 of which were over 65 years of age. 149 of these pedestrian deaths occurred at an intersection.

There were 405 collision and non-collision accidental deaths in motor vehicles, 340 of which were over 20 years of age.

9 persons lost their lives through electric railway accidents and 16 through steam railway accidents.

Of the 172 homicides, 102 were in the age group of 20 to 45 years of age. 74 of the homicide deaths were the result of altercations.

Of the 667 suicides, 233 were the result of despondency and 190 due to ill health.

Of the miscellaneous accidental fatalities, 637 persons were 65 years of age and over, and falls of various types accounted for 548 deaths.

3579 autopsies were performed of the 8134 cases handled by the Coroner during the year. 8123 tests were made in the toxicological laboratory and 2138 microscopic examinations in the pathological laboratory.

511 inquests were held during the year.

The Department's total expenditure during 1951-52 was $293,214.93, comprised as follows: Salaries and Wages, $252,751.47; Maintenance and Operation, $39,134.59; and Capital Outlay $1,328.87.

Revenues collected for the fiscal year 1951-52 were $77,842.28.

REPORT OF BEN H. BROWN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

JULY	1951	582	
AUGUST	1951	619	
SEPTEMBER	1951	551	
OCTOBER	1951	591	
NOVEMBER	1951	663	
DECEMBER	1951	836	
JANUARY	1952	818	
FEBRUARY	1952	683	
MARCH	1952	800	
APRIL	1952	706	
MAY	1952	642	
JUNE	1952	643	
	TOTAL	8134	8134

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MALE	5336	
FEMALE	2798	
TOTAL	8134	8134

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	4481	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3653	
TOTAL	8134	8134

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

ACCIDENTAL DEATHS:

AIRPLANE	47	
ALCOHOLISM	10	
ASPHYXIATION	2	
BURNS	135	
CRUSHING	4	
DROWNING	82	
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	9	
ELECTROCUTION	6	
FALLS	548	
FIREARMS	13	
HEAD INJURIES	130	
INDUSTRIAL	134	
INFECTION	7	
MISCELLANEOUS	45	
MOTOR VEHICLES	724	
POISONING	137	
STEAM RAILWAY	16	
STRANGULATION	8	
SUFFOCATION	27	
TOTAL	2098	2098
ABORTIONS	15	
HOMICIDES	172	

CLASSIFICATION OF DEATHS

HANDLED BY CORONER

NATURAL CAUSES		5145	
PREMATURE BIRTHS		0	
STILLBORN		26	
SUICIDES		667	
UNKNOWN		11	
	TOTAL	6036	6036
			8134

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

		MOTOR VEHICLES	ELECTRIC RAILWAY	STEAM RAILWAY	TOTAL
JULY	1951	47	2	1	50
AUGUST	1951	58	1	1	60
SEPTEMBER	1951	46	0	0	46
OCTOBER	1951	45	0	1	46
NOVEMBER	1951	63	0	2	65
DECEMBER	1951	97	1	4	102
JANUARY	1952	59	1	2	62
FEBRUARY	1952	53	1	0	54
MARCH	1952	72	1	2	75
APRIL	1952	50	0	0	50
MAY	1952	70	0	1	71
JUNE	1952	64	2	2	68
	TOTAL	724	9	16	749

IN ABOVE CLASSIFICATION "MOTOR VEHICLES" INCLUDES ALL FATALITIES IN WHICH A MOTOR VEHICLE IS INVOLVED. "ELECTRIC AND STEAM RAILWAY" INCLUDES ONLY THOSE CASES IN WHICH A PEDESTRIAN, PASSENGER OR EMPLOYEE IS KILLED.

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIANS

JULY	1951	25	
AUGUST	1951	22	
SEPTEMBER	1951	20	
OCTOBER	1951	26	
NOVEMBER	1951	25	
DECEMBER	1951	46	
JANUARY	1952	27	
FEBRUARY	1952	27	
MARCH	1952	35	
APRIL	1952	17	
MAY	1952	27	
JUNE	1952	22	
	TOTAL	319	319

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MALE	218	
FEMALE	101	
TOTAL	319	319

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	149	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	166	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	4	
TOTAL	319	319

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

AGES

1 to 2 YEARS	10	
2 to 5 YEARS	25	
5 to 10 YEARS	24	
10 to 20 YEARS	8	
20 to 45 YEARS	40	
45 to 65 YEARS	83	
65 YEARS AND OVER	129	
TOTAL	319	319

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AT AN INTERSECTION	149	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	170	
TOTAL	319	319

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	69	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	250	
TOTAL	319	319

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NATURE

AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	282	
AUTO, AUTO & PEDESTRIAN	3	
AUTO, TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	1	
BUS & PEDESTRIAN	5	
MOTORCYCLE & PEDESTRIAN	1	
SCHOOL BUS & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TAXI & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TRUCK & PEDESTRIAN	24	
TRUCK-TRAILER & PEDESTRIAN	1	
TOTAL	319	319

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

CAUSES

ATTEMPTING RIDE ON HAY TRAILER	1	
BACKING	7	
CAR ROLLED BACKWARDS	1	
CHILD FELL UNDER TRUCK	1	
CHILD RAN INTO SIDE OF AUTO	1	
CROSSING STREET AGAINST SIGNAL	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	89	
CROSSING STREET NOT AT INTERSECTION	41	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DRIVING ON SHOULDER	1	
DROVE THROUGH SAFETY ZONE	1	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	1	
EXCESSIVE SPEED	2	
FELL UNDER BUS WHILE RUNNING	1	
FELL UNDER TRUCK	1	
GLARING LIGHTS	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	4	
INTOXICATION	2	
LOST CONTROL	1	
NEGLIGENT DRIVER	1	
PEDESTRIAN CONFUSED BY TRAFFIC	3	
PLAYING IN ALLEY	1	
PLAYING IN DRIVEWAY	5	
PLAYING IN STREET	9	
PLAYING IN YARD	2	
RAN FROM BETWEEN PARKED CARS	2	
RAN SIGNAL	4	
RECKLESS DRIVING	24	
REAR END COLLISION	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	69	
RUNNING IN STREET	20	
RUNNING INTO DRIVEWAY	1	
SKIDDING	1	
SPEEDING AT INTERSECTION	2	
SPEEDING IN RESIDENCE ZONE	1	
STANDING ON HIGHWAY	2	
WALKING IN STREET	6	
WALKED INTO SIDE OF AUTO	1	
WALKED INTO SIDE OF TRUCK	1	
WEATHER CONDITIONS	1	
UNKNOWN	3	
TOTAL	319	319

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

PEDESTRIAN

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS		66	
FEMALE DRIVERS		8	
UNDETERMINED DRIVERS		1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		13	
	TOTAL	88	88

NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:

MALE DRIVERS		73	
FEMALE DRIVERS		7	
	TOTAL	80	80

CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:

MALE DRIVERS		125	
FEMALE DRIVERS		22	
	TOTAL	147	147
DRIVERLESS CAR		1	
UNKNOWN DRIVER		3	
	TOTAL	4	4
	TOTAL		319

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HIT AND RUN CASES 23

HAD BEEN DRINKING:

PEDESTRIANS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.) 30

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL".

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

JULY	1951		22	
AUGUST	1951		36	
SEPTEMBER	1951		26	
OCTOBER	1951		19	
NOVEMBER	1951		38	
DECEMBER	1951		51	
JANUARY	1952		32	
FEBRUARY	1952		26	
MARCH	1952		37	
APRIL	1952		33	
MAY	1952		43	
JUNE	1952		42	
		TOTAL	405	405

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MALE	299	
FEMALE	106	
TOTAL	405	405

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	121	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	272	
OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES COUNTY: DEATH IN L.A. COUNTY	12	
TOTAL	405	405

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	3	
1 TO 2 YEARS	1	
2 TO 5 YEARS	5	
5 TO 10 YEARS	5	
10 TO 20 YEARS	51	
20 TO 45 YEARS	203	
45 TO 65 YEARS	88	
65 YEARS AND OVER	49	
TOTAL	405	405

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AT AN INTERSECTION	191	
NOT AT AN INTERSECTION	214	
TOTAL	405	405

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A. M. (MIDNIGHT TO NOON)	174	
P. M. (NOON TO MIDNIGHT)	231	
TOTAL	405	405

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE

COLLISION:

AMBULANCE & TRUCK	1
AUTO & ABUTMENT	3
AUTO & AMBULANCE	1
AUTO & AUTO	106
AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	9
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & AUTO	3
AUTO, AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	1
AUTO, AUTO & PARKED AUTO	1
AUTO, AUTO & TRUCK	4
AUTO & AUTOETTE	1
AUTO & BOX CAR	1
AUTO & BICYCLE	5
AUTO & BRIDGE	2
AUTO & BUS	1
AUTO & BUILDING	1
AUTO & CURB	2
AUTO & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	13
AUTO & EMBANKMENT	1
AUTO & FIRE PLUG	1
AUTO & GUARD POST	2
AUTO & GUARD RAIL	1
AUTO & MOTORCYCLE	5
AUTO & MOTORSCOOTER	4
AUTO & PARKED AUTO	4
AUTO & PARKED TRUCK	6
AUTO & POLE	19
AUTO & POST	2
AUTO & SAFETY ISLE	1
AUTO & SIGN	1
AUTO & STEAM RAILWAY	20
AUTO & TRAFFIC ISLAND	2
AUTO & TRACTOR-TRAILER	3
AUTO & TREE	9
AUTO & TRUCK	35
AUTO & TRUCK-TRAILER	18
AUTO, TRUCK-TRAILER & MOTORCYCLE	1
AUTO, TRUCK & TRUCK-TRAILER	1
AUTOETTE & PARKED AUTO	1
MOTORCYCLE & CURB	1
MOTORCYCLE & BRICK WALL	1
MOTORCYCLE & PARKED TRUCK	1
MOTORCYCLE & TRAFFIC BUTTON	1
MOTORCYCLE & TREE	1
MOTORCYCLE, TRUCK & TRUCK	1
MOTORCYCLE & WALL	1

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

NATURE (CONTINUED)

COLLISION:

TRUCK & CURB	1	
TRUCK & BICYCLE	2	
TRUCK & BUILDING	1	
TRUCK & ELECTRIC RAILWAY	1	
TRUCK & MOTORCYCLE	7	
TRUCK & PARKED CARS	1	
TRUCK & STEAM RAILWAY	7	
TRUCK-TRAILER & MOTORCYCLE	1	
TRUCK & TRUCK	2	
TRUCK & TRUCK-TRAILER	1	
TOTAL	323	323

NON-COLLISION:

AUTO INTO CREEK	1	
AUTO INTO DITCH	1	
AUTO OVER EMBANKMENT	9	
AUTO OVER CLIFF	4	
AUTO OVERTURNED	33	
AUTO STRUCK DEPRESSION	1	
AUTOETTE OVERTURNED	1	
FALL FROM VEHICLE	15	
INJURED WHILE WARMING UP HOT ROD	1	
JEEP TRUCK OVERTURNED	1	
MOTORCYCLE OVERTURNED	9	
MOTORSCOOTER OVERTURNED	2	
TRUCK OVERTURNED	4	
TOTAL	82	82
TOTAL		405

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES

COLLISION:

AVOIDING COLLISION	1	
BOTH VEHICLES SOUNDING SIRENS	1	
COLLISION OF RACING CARS	1	
CUTTING IN AHEAD	1	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DEFECTIVE SIGNAL	3	
DRIVER ASLEEP	6	
DRIVER CONFUSED BY WARNING LIGHTS	1	
DRIVER IGNORED WIG-WAG	3	
DRIVING ON WRONG SIDE OF ROAD	37	
ENTERING CAR FROM WRONG SIDE	1	
EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT	21	
FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY	4	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	3	
INTOXICATION	1	
LOST CONTROL	53	
LOST CONTROL OF BICYCLE	1	
LOST REAR WHEEL	1	
MOTORIST'S NEGLIGENCE AT RAILWAY CROSSING	22	
PASSING ON WRONG SIDE	1	
RAN BOULEVARD STOP	13	
RAN SIGNAL	13	
REAR END COLLISION	15	
RECKLESS DRIVING	32	
RIDING BICYCLE WITHOUT LIGHTS	1	
RIGHT OF WAY VIOLATED	69	
SKIDDING	10	
SPEEDING AT INTERSECTION	1	
TIRE BLOW-OUT	3	
TRUCK STALLED ON TRACK	2	
UNKNOWN	4	
TOTAL	327	327

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

NON-COLLISION:

ACCIDENTALLY OPENED DOOR	1	
AVOIDING COLLISION	2	
DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT	2	
DOOR FLEW OPEN	1	
DOOR OPENED ON TURN	1	
DRIVER ASLEEP	1	
FALL WHILE UNLOADING PIPE	1	
INCOMPETENT HANDLING	1	
IMPROPER RIDING	2	
LOST CONTROL	49	
RECKLESS DRIVING	6	
SKIDDING	2	
SPEEDING	1	
TIRE BLEW OUT	1	
UNKNOWN	7	
TOTAL	78	78
TOTAL		405

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

COLLISION AND NON-COLLISION

HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		97	
FEMALE DRIVERS		14	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		3	
	TOTAL	114	114
NOT HELD BY CORONER'S JURY:			
MALE DRIVERS		44	
FEMALE DRIVERS		9	
TRAIN CREWS		3	
	TOTAL	56	56
CASES IN WHICH NO INQUEST WAS HELD:			
MALE DRIVERS		200	
FEMALE DRIVERS		32	
DRIVERLESS CAR		1	
UNKNOWN DRIVERS		2	
	TOTAL	235	235
	TOTAL		405

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HIT AND RUN CASES	3
HAD BEEN DRINKING:	
DRIVERS (REPORTED AS H.B.D.)	80

SEE LABORATORY REPORT ON "CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL"

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

JULY	1951	2	
AUGUST	1951	1	
SEPTEMBER	1951	0	
OCTOBER	1951	0	
NOVEMBER	1951	0	
DECEMBER	1951	1	
JANUARY	1952	1	
FEBRUARY	1952	1	
MARCH	1952	1	
APRIL	1952	0	
MAY	1952	0	
JUNE	1952	2	
	TOTAL	9	9

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MALE	7	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	9	9

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	6	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	3	
TOTAL	9	9

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

AGES

5 TO 10 YEARS	1	
10 TO 20 YEARS	1	
20 TO 45 YEARS	1	
45 TO 65 YEARS	1	
65 YEARS AND OVER	5	
TOTAL	9	9

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NATURE

ELECTRIC RAILWAY & PEDESTRIAN	9	
TOTAL	9	9

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CAUSES

CHILD CROSSING TRACKS	1	
CROSSING STREET CARELESSLY	4	
CROSSING TRACKS NOT AT INTERSECTION	1	
CROSSING TRACKS AGAINST SIGNAL	1	
CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	9	9

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

JULY	1951	1	
AUGUST	1951	1	
SEPTEMBER	1951	0	
OCTOBER	1951	1	
NOVEMBER	1951	2	
DECEMBER	1951	4	
JANUARY	1952	2	
FEBRUARY	1952	0	
MARCH	1952	2	
APRIL	1952	0	
MAY	1952	1	
JUNE	1952	2	
	TOTAL	16	16

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MALE	14	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	16	16

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	8	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	8	
TOTAL	16	16

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AGES

10 TO 20 YEARS	1	
20 TO 45 YEARS	6	
45 TO 65 YEARS	4	
65 YEARS AND OVER	5	
TOTAL	16	16

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

STEAM RAILWAY

NATURE

STEAM RAILWAY AND EMPLOYEE	3	
STEAM RAILWAY AND PEDESTRIAN	13	
TOTAL	16	16

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CAUSES

CROSSING TRACKS CARELESSLY	1	
CROSSING TRACKS IMPROPERLY	1	
FALL FROM TRAIN WHILE SWITCHING	1	
FELL UNDER TRAIN WHILE SWITCHING	1	
FELL UNDER WHEELS WHILE SWITCHING	1	
LYING AGAINST RAILROAD TRACK	1	
LYING ON TRACKS	1	
RAN ACROSS TRACKS	2	
REMOVING SECTION CAR FROM TRACKS	1	
SITTING ON RIGHT OF WAY	1	
SLEEPING ON TRACKS	1	
UNDETERMINED (ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE)	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
WALKING ON RAILROAD RIGHT OF WAY	1	
TOTAL	16	16

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SUMMARY OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
MOTOR VEHICLES	517	207	724
ELECTRIC RAILWAY	7	2	9
STEAM RAILWAY	14	2	16
TOTAL	538	211	749

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

JULY	1951	17	
AUGUST	1951	14	
SEPTEMBER	1951	7	
OCTOBER	1951	13	
NOVEMBER	1951	11	
DECEMBER	1951	10	
JANUARY	1952	15	
FEBRUARY	1952	11	
MARCH	1952	6	
APRIL	1952	12	
MAY	1952	11	
JUNE	1952	7	
	TOTAL	134	134

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MALE	132	
FEMALE	2	
TOTAL	134	134

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	50	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	67	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	11	
UNKNOWN	6	
TOTAL	134	134

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10 TO 20 YEARS	5	
20 TO 45 YEARS	53	
45 TO 65 YEARS	60	
65 YEARS AND OVER	16	
TOTAL	134	134

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

NATURE

BODILY INJURY	28	
BURNS	12	
CRUSHING	4	
DROWNING	4	
ELECTROCUTION	12	
ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND BURNS	1	
FALLS	2	
HEAD INJURY	46	
INFECTION	14	
POISONING	7	
SUFFOCATION	4	
TOTAL	134	134

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

BODILY INJURY:

CAVE IN OF DITCH	1	
CRUSHED BY FALLING TRANSFORMER	1	
CRUSHED BY ROLLS OF PAPER	1	
CRUSHED BY TRUCK THAT SLIPPED INTO SUMP HOLE	1	
EXPLOSION OF HEATING KILN	1	
FALL FROM BRIDGE	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
FALL FROM CLIFF	1	
FALL FROM JITNEY	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	1	
FALL FROM OIL DERRICK	1	
FALL FROM PILING	1	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	3	
FALL FROM TRACTOR	1	
FALL FROM TREE	1	
FALL INTO PIT AT BOWLING ALLEY	1	
FALL UNDER WHEELS OF GRADER	1	
HYDRAULIC PRESS EXPLODED	2	
MOBILE CONCRETE BUGGY OVERTURNED	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING ROCK	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING SECTION OF PIPE	1	
STRUCK BY HEAVY METAL	1	
TRACTOR OVERTURNED	2	
UNLOADING PIPE WHEN STACK FELL ON VICTIM	1	
TOTAL	28	28

BURNS:

CLOTHING AFIRE FROM CUTTING TORCH	1	
CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE FROM GAS RANGE	1	
CRANE STRUCK HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE	1	
EXPLOSION OF HYDROGEN TANK	1	
FULL TANK EXPLOSION DURING WELDING	1	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION	1	
GASOLINE EXPLOSION WHILE REMOVING ASPHALT TILE FROM FLOOR	1	
GASOLINE TANK EXPLODED WHILE CUTTING UP OLD AUTOMOBILE	1	
PARTING OF BOILER HOUSE STEAM LINE	2	
POWER CRANE STRUCK HIGH VOLTAGE WIRE	1	
SLIPPED AND FELL WHILE CARRYING HOT TAR	1	
TOTAL	12	12

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

CRUSHING:		
BUS BACKING UP IN GARAGE	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN TRAILER WHILE BACKING	1	
CAVE-IN OF DIRT AND CONCRETE	1	
WEDGED BETWEEN SHIP PROPELLER & SCAFFOLD	1	
TOTAL	4	4
DROWNING:		
STORM AT SEA WHILE FISHING	1	
TRACTOR OVERTURNED INTO FLOOD STREAM	1	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	4	4
ELECTROCUTION:		
BROKEN WIRE ON ELECTRIC DRILL	1	
CONTACT WITH ELECTRIC CABLE	1	
CONTACT WITH ENERGIZED CURRENT	1	
CONTACT WITH WIRE INSULATOR	1	
CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	4	
CONTACT WITH POWER LINE	1	
CONTACTED LIVE WIRE	1	
CRANE IN CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	1	
SHOCK FROM ELECTRIC PANEL	1	
TOTAL	12	12
ELECTRICAL SHOCK AND BURNS:		
SHORT CIRCUIT OF ELECTRICAL OIL SWITCH	1	
TOTAL	1	1
FALLS:		
FALL FROM LADDER	2	
TOTAL	2	2
HEAD INJURY:		
ARTIFICIAL TREE FELL ON VICTIM	1	
CAUGHT BETWEEN BED & FRAME OF DUMP TRUCK	1	
CRUSHED BY GRADER	1	
DUMP TRUCK BED FELL ON VICTIM	1	

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURY: (Cont'd.)

EXPLOSION OF DRUM OF PAINT THINNER	1	
EXPLOSION OF HEATING KILN	4	
FALL AGAINST MACHINE OR BOX	1	
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
FALL FROM DOCK	1	
FALL FROM DOCK AGAINST FLOATING PILE	1	
FALL FROM HAY STACK	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	3	
FALL FROM PARKED TRUCK	1	
FALL FROM PILE OF SHINGLES	1	
FALL FROM POLE	3	
FALL FROM ROOF	2	
FALL FROM SCAFFOLD	8	
FALL FROM SHIP TO DOCK	1	
FALL FROM TREE	1	
FALL FROM WASH RACK	1	
FALL THROUGH ROOF	1	
FALLING BALES OF PULP	1	
MACHINE SLIPPED WHILE BEING MOVED	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING IRON	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING OIL DRUM	1	
STRUCK BY FLYING PIECE OF METAL	1	
STRUCK BY PIPE	2	
STRUCK BY TOOL CALLED "LEE TONGS"	1	
STRUCK HEAD ON METAL RAIL WHILE ENTERING MAIL CAR	1	
STRUCK ON HEAD BY CLAY PIPE	1	
TOTAL	46	46

INFECTION:

SEPTICEMIA - BURNED HAND WHILE AT WORK	1	
SILICOSIS - DUST INHALATION IN COAL MINES	1	
SILICOSIS - INHALATION OF DUST	8	
SILICOSIS - INHALED DUST IN MINES	3	
TETANUS - CUT HAND WHILE WORKING ON PRESS	1	
TOTAL	14	14

INDUSTRIAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING:

CARBON MONOXIDE CERAMIC OVEN BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	1	
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION OF CARBON MONOXIDE IN TANK	2	
CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - INHALATION OF FUMES	1	
LEAD - WORKED IN PAINT SHOP	1	
METHYL BROMIDE - GAS ESCAPING FROM TANK	1	
TETANUS - CONTACTED TETANUS INFECTION AT WORK AS CHEMIST	1	
TOTAL	7	7

SUFFOCATION:

BRICKING UP CESSPOOL WHEN IT CAVED IN	1	
CAVE-IN OF DITCH	1	
CAVE-IN OF TRENCH	2	
TOTAL	4	4
TOTAL		134

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

JULY	1951	76	
AUGUST	1951	82	
SEPTEMBER	1951	80	
OCTOBER	1951	79	
NOVEMBER	1951	81	
DECEMBER	1951	100	
JANUARY	1952	152	
FEBRUARY	1952	100	
MARCH	1952	127	
APRIL	1952	89	
MAY	1952	97	
JUNE	1952	103	
	TOTAL	1166	1166

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MALE	582	
FEMALE	584	
TOTAL	1166	1166

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	597	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	545	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	13	
LOCATION UNKNOWN	11	
TOTAL	1166	1166

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	26	
1 TO 2 YEARS	13	
2 TO 5 YEARS	39	
5 TO 10 YEARS	38	
10 TO 20 YEARS	50	
20 TO 45 YEARS	168	
45 TO 65 YEARS	195	
65 YEARS AND OVER	637	
TOTAL	1166	1166

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NATURE

ASPHYXIATION	2	
BURNS	135	
CRUSHING	4	
CUTTING	1	
DROWNING	82	
ELECTROCUTION	1	
FALLS	548	
FIREARMS	13	
HEAD INJURIES	131	
INFECTION	7	
MISCELLANEOUS	48	
POISONING	159	
STRANGULATION	8	
SUFFOCATION	27	
TOTAL	1166	1166

(Poisoning includes 21 cases of acute alcoholism)

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

ASPHYXIATION:

ILLUMINATING GAS LEAK IN FURNACE	1	
ILLUMINATING GAS - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OF SUICIDE	1	
TOTAL	2	2

BURNS:

ASLEEP IN BURNING AUTO	1
AUTO AFIRE	1
BONFIRE - CLOTHING CAUGHT FIRE	1
BUCKET OF TAR CAUGHT FIRE	1
BY HOT WATER BOTTLE	1
CHEMICAL EXPLOSION	1
CIGARETTE - CARELESS SMOKING	2
CIGARETTE - CHAIR AFIRE	1
CIGARETTE - FELL ASLEEP WHILE SMOKING	1
CIGARETTE - SMOKING IN BED	11
CLOTHING AFIRE FROM INCINERATOR	3
CONFLAGRATION - FIRE IN HOTEL	1
CONFLAGRATION - GARAGE AFIRE	1
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE AFIRE	27
CONFLAGRATION - HOUSE TRAILER AFIRE	7
CONFLAGRATION - PLANE CRASHED INTO HOUSE	1
CONFLAGRATION - SHIP ON FIRE	3
CONFLAGRATION - WAREHOUSE AFIRE	1
DEFECTIVE HEATING PAD	1
ELECTRIC HEATING PAD IGNITED BEDDING	1
ELECTRICAL CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION CABLES	1
EXPLOSION OF FUEL OIL	1
FATHER THREW CLEANING SOLVENT INTO INCINERATOR	1
FELL INTO FIREPLACE	1
FIRE WORKS STAND ON FIRE	1
GAS EXPLOSION	1
GAS TANK EXPLOSION	1
GASOLINE BURNS FROM AUTO BACK FIRE	1
GASOLINE CAN EXPLODED	1
MATCHES - GRASS SKIRT AFIRE	1
MATCHES - LIT MATCH IN GAS FILLED ROOM	1
MATCHES - PLAYING WITH MATCHES	11
NATURAL GAS EXPLOSION	1
PAINT REMOVER IGNITED	1
SCALDS - CHILD TURNED ON WATER IN BATH TUB	1
SCALDS - CHILDREN TURNED ON HOT WATER	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

BURNS: (Cont'd.)

SCALDS - FELL INTO BATH TUB	1	
SCALDS - FELL INTO TUB OF BOILING WATER	2	
SCALDS - SPILLED BOILING WATER	1	
SCALDS - UNABLE TO SHUT OFF HOT WATER IN TUB	1	
STOVE - BURNED FEET ON ELECTRIC HEATER	1	
STOVE - BUTANE GAS STOVE EXPLODED	2	
STOVE - CLOTHING CAUGHT ON FIRE	4	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED AS COFFEE BOILED OVER	1	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM ELECTRIC HEATER	2	
STOVE - CLOTHING IGNITED FROM GAS HEATER	15	
STOVE - FELL AGAINST GAS RANGE	2	
STOVE - FELL ON HEATER	3	
STOVE - EXPLOSION OF GAS STOVE	2	
STOVE - GAS HEATER EXPLODED	1	
STOVE - PLAYING NEAR STOVE	1	
STOVE - PUTTING OUT FIRE IN HOME	1	
USED A MIXTURE OF COAL OIL AND CAMPHOR	1	
UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	135	135

CRUSHING:

SHIFTING OF PIPE ON RAILROAD CAR	4	
TOTAL	4	4

CUTTING:

STEPPED ON BROKEN GLASS	1	
TOTAL	1	1

DROWNING:

AUTO WASHED FROM HIGHWAY BY FLOOD WATERS	5
BOAT CAPSIZED	1
BOAT CAPSIZED WHILE FISHING	2
CANOE OVERTURNED	1
CHILD FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	6
CHILD IN BATH TUB	1
CHILD LEFT ALONE IN BATH TUB	1
CHILD PLAYING IN LAKE	1
EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	2
EVADING ARREST - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1
EXHAUSTION IN POOL	1
FALL FROM BOAT	3

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

DROWNING: (Cont'd.)

FALL FROM RAFT	6	
FALL FROM ROCKS	1	
FALL IN FLOODED STREET	1	
FELL IN FISH POND	1	
FELL INTO BATH TUB	3	
FELL INTO CESSPOOL	1	
FELL INTO KITCHEN SINK	1	
FELL INTO LAGOON	1	
FELL INTO OCEAN	1	
FELL INTO PARK LAKE	1	
FELL INTO RESERVOIR	1	
FELL INTO SEWER EXCAVATION	2	
FELL INTO STORM DRAIN	1	
FELL INTO SWIMMING POOL	4	
FOLLOWING BIRTH ON TOILET SEAT	1	
FOLLOWING HEART ATTACK	2	
FOUND IN OCEAN	1	
ILL HEALTH	1	
INTOXICATION	3	
LEAKY ROW BOAT	2	
PLAYING IN SWIMMING POOL	1	
PLAYING IN WATER	1	
STROKE IN BATH TUB	1	
SWEPT OFF CORAL REEF	1	
SWEPT OFF FEET BY CURRENT	1	
SWIMMING OFF PIER	1	
UNDETERMINED - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	3	
UNKNOWN	7	
WHILE SWIMMING IN POOL	2	
WHILE SWIMMING IN SLOUGH	4	
TOTAL	82	82

ELECTROCUTION:

CONTACTED LIVE WIRE	1	
TOTAL	1	1

FALLS:

AGAINST CABINET - OLD AGE	1
AGAINST CHAIR - OLD AGE	1
AGAINST FURNITURE - INTOXICATION	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.)

DOWN STAIRS	1
DOWN STAIRS - OLD AGE	7
DOWN STEPS - OLD AGE	3
FROM BED - GETTING OVER SIDE RAIL	1
FROM BED - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM BED - MENTAL PATIENT	1
FROM BED - OLD AGE	29
FROM BUILDING - INTOXICATION	2
FROM BUILDING - UNKNOWN	1
FROM CHAIR - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM CHAIR - OLD AGE	5
FROM MOTORCYCLE - LOST CONTROL AT RACE TRACK	1
FROM PARKED AUTO - OLD AGE	1
FROM PORCH - OLD AGE	4
FROM RETAINING WALL - OLD AGE	1
FROM ROOF - OLD AGE	1
FROM STEPS - OLD AGE	1
FROM STEPS - UNKNOWN	1
FROM STOOL - LOST BALANCE	1
FROM STOOL - OLD AGE	1
FROM STRETCHER - ILL HEALTH	1
FROM TABLE - OLD AGE	1
FROM WHEEL CHAIR - OLD AGE	1
INTO DITCH - OLD AGE	1
ON CURB - OLD AGE	1
ON STAIRS - OLD AGE	1
ON STEPS - OLD AGE	9
ON STEPS - TRIPPED OVER SKATES	1
ON STREET CAR - OLD AGE	1
TO DRIVEWAY - OLD AGE	1
TO FLOOR - CONVULSIVE SEIZURE	1
TO FLOOR - FRACTURED LEG WHILE DANCING	1
TO FLOOR - ILLNESS	6
TO FLOOR - MENTAL PATIENT	1
TO FLOOR - OLD AGE	370
TO FLOOR - PUSHED BY ANOTHER PATIENT	1
TO FLOOR - SEIZURE (EPILEPTIC)	1
TO FLOOR - SENILITY	4
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON GREASE	1
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON RUG	2
TO FLOOR - SLIPPED ON STEP	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED ON DOG LEASH	1
TO FLOOR - TRIPPED OVER RUG	1
TO FLOOR - UNKNOWN	2

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

FALLS: (Cont'd.

TO GROUND - ILL HEALTH	2	
TO GROUND - LADDER BROKE	1	
TO GROUND - OLD AGE	25	
TO GROUND - SLIPPED ON ROCK	1	
TO GROUND - STUMBLED OVER AUTO BUMPER RAIL	1	
TO GROUND - STUMBLED OVER CHILD	1	
TO GROUND - TRIPPED OVER CURB	1	
TO GROUND - TRIPPED OVER WATER HOSE	1	
TO GROUND - TRIPPED OVER VINE	1	
TO PAVEMENT - STRUCK BY LIMB WHILE TRIMMING TREE	1	
TO SIDEWALK - OLD AGE	19	
TO SIDEWALK - SLIPPED ON WET WALK	1	
TO SIDEWALK - TRIPPED BY DOG	1	
TO STREET - LOST BALANCE	1	
TO STREET - OLD AGE	13	
TOTAL	548	548

FIREARMS:

CARELESS HANDLING	5	
DISCHARGE OF RIFLE	1	
PLAYING WITH GUN	4	
RIFLE DISCHARGED WHILE HUNTING	1	
UNKNOWN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
TOTAL	13	13

HEAD INJURIES:

BABY FELL AND STRUCK HEAD	1
BECAME ILL - FELL IN THEATRE	1
CHILD FELL FROM BED	2
CHILD FELL FROM CHAIR	1
DROPPED BY ANOTHER CHILD	1
DROPPED BY MOTHER WHILE BATHING	1
FALL AGAINST BENCH	1
FALL AGAINST BATH TUB	1
FALL AGAINST STOVE	2
FALL DOWNSTAIRS	17
FALL DOWN STEPS	2
FALL DURING ALTERCATION	1
FALL DURING CONVULSION	1
FALL DURING EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	3
FALL DURING FAINTING SPELL	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

HEAD INJURIES: (Cont'd.)

FALL FROM BED	9	
FALL FROM BOAT AND STRUCK BY PROPELLER	1	
FALL FROM BICYCLE	1	
FALL FROM BUILDING	1	
FALL FROM CHAIR	1	
FALL FROM LADDER	4	
FALL FROM PORCH	4	
FALL FROM TREE	3	
FALL FROM WALL	1	
FALL FROM WHEEL CHAIR	1	
FALL FROM WINDOW	1	
FALL IN BATH TUB	1	
FALL INTO PILE OF LUMBER	1	
FALL ON STAIRS	2	
FALL TO CEMENT FLOOR	2	
FALL TO DRIVEWAY	1	
FALL TO FLOOR	21	
FALL TO FLOOR - INTOXICATION	2	
FALL TO GROUND	3	
FALL TO PAVEMENT	1	
FALL TO RAILROAD TRACKS	1	
FALL TO SIDEWALK	6	
FALL TO STREET	4	
FALL WHILE INTOXICATED	6	
FALL WHILE WORKING WITH SKILL SAW	1	
GARAGE DOOR FELL ON VICTIM	1	
KICKED BY HORSE	2	
PROBABLE EPILEPTIC SEIZURE	1	
STRUCK BY BOX CAR DOOR	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING BED SPRING	1	
STRUCK BY FALLING VISE	1	
STRUCK BY PROPELLER	1	
STRUCK HEAD ON HANGING FLOWER POT	1	
TREE BRANCH FELL ON VICTIM WHILE SWINGING	1	
TRIPPED OVER HURDLE	1	
THROWN FROM HORSE	1	
UNKNOWN	4	
TOTAL	131	131

INFECTION:

BOWEL PERFORATION BY SWALLOWED TOOTH PICK	1
SEPTICEMIA - STEPPED ON RUSTY NAIL	1
SILICOSIS - UNKNOWN	1
TETANUS - SPLINTER IN FOOT	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

INFECTION: (Cont'd.)

TETANUS - FISH HOOK STUCK IN THUMB	1	
TETANUS - STEPPED ON NAIL	1	
TETANUS - UNKNOWN	1	
TOTAL	7	7

MISCELLANEOUS:

ACUTE ALCOHOLISM & BARBITURATE INTOXICATION - OVERDOSE	1
BARBITURE INTOXICATION - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
BODILY INJURY - CHEMICAL EXPLOSION	1
BODILY INJURY - DIRT CAVE-IN	1
BODILY INJURY - DOVE IN RIVER	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL DOWN EMBANKMENT	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM GARAGE ROOF	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM LADDER	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM PORCH	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM WINDOW	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL FROM WINDOW DURING HOTEL FIRE	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO FLOOR	2
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO GROUND	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL TO STREET	1
BODILY INJURY - FALL WHILE INTOXICATED	1
BODILY INJURY - FELL WITH LIFEBOAT INTO WATER	1
BODILY INJURY - FELL DOWN CANYON	1
BODILY INJURY - GARAGE DOOR FELL ON VICTIM	1
BODILY INJURY - HORSE FELL ON VICTIM	1
BODILY INJURY - JUMPED OR FELL FROM BUILDING - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
BODILY INJURY - NEGLECT ON PART OF PARENTS	1
BODILY INJURY - PROBABLY AT BIRTH	1
BODILY INJURY - SLIPPED ON BANANA PEEL	1
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY BASEBALL BAT	1
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK BY TONGUE OF TRAILER	1
BODILY INJURY - STRUCK ROCK WHILE DIVING	1
BODILY INJURY - TRACTOR OVERTURNED	1
BODILY INJURY - UNKNOWN	1
BROKEN FINGER - AUTO DOOR CLOSED ON FINGER	1
ELECTROCUTION - CONTACT WITH HIGH TENSION WIRE	2
ELECTROCUTION - CONTACTED LIVE WIRE IN BATH TUB	1
ELECTROCUTION - REMOVING FLOOD WATER FROM BASEMENT	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

MISCELLANEOUS: (Cont'd.)

ELECTROCUTION - STEPPED ON LIVE WIRE	1	
FRACTURED ARM - LIFTED HEAVY KETTLE	1	
FRACTURED FEMUR - UNKNOWN	2	
FRACTURED HIP - OLD AGE	1	
FRACTURED RIB - FALL IN BATH TUB	1	
FRACTURED RIBS - FELL OVER PORCH RAIL	1	
FRACTURES - MOVING IN BED	2	
JUMPED FROM WINDOW - MENTAL CONDITION	1	
OLD CEREBRAL INJURY - UNKNOWN	1	
PERFORATED INTESTINE - SWALLOWED TOOTH PICK	1	
SPINAL CORD INJURY - WAR INJURY	1	
SPINAL INJURY - INJURED WHILE SWIMMING	1	
TOTAL	48	48

POISONING:

ALURATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
ARSENIC - CHILD SWALLOWED ANT PASTE	2
ARSENIC - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
ASPIRIN - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
BARBITURATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	19
BARBITURATE - CHILD SWALLOWED SLEEPING PILLS	1
BARBITURATE - MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED FOR CHILD	1
BARBITURATE - MENTAL CONDITION	1
BARBITURATE - NARCOTIC ADDICT	1
BARBITURATE - OVERDOSE	11
BARBITURATE - UNKNOWN	1
BOTULISM - ATE CANNED WEED	3
BOTULISM - ATE HOME CANNED MUSHROOMS	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - APARTMENT AFIRE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BED ON FIRE	2
CARBON MONOXIDE - BEDDING AFIRE FROM CIGARETTE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - BUTANE HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	3
CARBON MONOXIDE - FIRE IN HOTEL	3
CARBON MONOXIDE - GAS HEATER BURNING IN CLOSED ROOM	48
CARBON MONOXIDE - HOUSE AFIRE	8
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALED AUTO EXHAUST FUMES	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - INHALATION AUTO EXHAUST IN CLOSED GARAGE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE - WARMING UP CAR IN GARAGE	1
CARBON MONOXIDE & BURNS - HOUSE AFIRE	1

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

CARBON TETRACHLORIDE - DRANK IN ERROR	1	
CYANIDE - OVERCOME WHILE MIXING DEVELOPING FLUIDS	1	
DICHLORETHER - CHILD DRANK MOTH SPRAY	1	
FLUORIDE - FLUID ESCAPED FROM BARREL	1	
ISO PROPANOL - DRANK RUBBING ALCOHOL	1	
LYE - CHILD DRANK BY MISTAKE	1	
METHANOL - OVERDOSE	1	
PENTOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	6	
PENOBARBITAL - ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE UNDETERMINED	1	
PHENOBARBITAL - WORRY OVER LAW SUIT	1	
SALICYLATE - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
SALICYLATE AND BROMIDE - EXCESSIVE USE OF BROMIDE UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	1	
SECONAL - ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	1	
STRYCHNINE - INGESTION OF POISON PILLS	1	
SULFATHIAZOLE - ALLERGIC TO SULFA DRUGS	1	
TUINAL - UNDETERMINED ACCIDENT OR SUICIDE	2	
TOTAL	138	138

STRANGULATION:

ASPIRATION OF PEANUT	1	
BATHING SUIT CAUGHT ON DOOR KNOB	1	
ENTANGLED IN VENETIAN BLIND CORD	1	
NECK CAUGHT IN CORD OF TOY	1	
PLAYING WITH TELEPHONE WIRE	1	
WHETHER ACCIDENTAL OR SUICIDAL UNDETERMINED	2	
WHILE AT PLAY	1	
TOTAL	8	8

SUFFOCATION:

ASPIRATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	4	
ASPIRATION OF BLOOD AFTER EYE INJURY	1	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED GASTRIC CONTENTS	6	
ASPIRATION OF REGURGITATED MILK	1	
ASPIRATION OF STOMACH CONTENTS AFTER FALL	1	
ASPIRATION OF VOMITUS WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
BED ON FIRE	1	
BRONCHI OBSTRUCTED BY MUCUS	1	
BURIED IN SAND PILE	1	

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

SUFFOCATION: (Cont'd.)

CHOKED ON FOOD	1	
CHOKED ON PILL	1	
FIRE IN HOTEL	2	
FOOD OBSTRUCTION	1	
HOUSE COLLAPSED FROM LAND SLIDE	1	
INHALATION OF GASTRIC CONTENTS WHILE INTOXICATED	1	
PEANUT LODGED IN THROAT	1	
SWALLOWED MARBLE IN PLAY	1	
SUFFOCATION & BURNS - HOUSE AFIRE	1	
TOTAL	27	27
TOTAL		1145
PLUS 21 CASES OF ACUTE ALCOHOLISM		21
TOTAL		1166

SUICIDES

JULY	1951	63	
AUGUST	1951	55	
SEPTEMBER	1951	59	
OCTOBER	1951	70	
NOVEMBER	1951	51	
DECEMBER	1951	64	
JANUARY	1952	51	
FEBRUARY	1952	48	
MARCH	1952	59	
APRIL	1952	54	
MAY	1952	41	
JUNE	1952	52	
	TOTAL	667	667

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MALE	469	
FEMALE	198	
TOTAL	667	667

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	348	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	319	
TOTAL	667	667

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AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	11	
20 to 45 YEARS	244	
45 to 65 YEARS	270	
65 YEARS AND OVER	142	
TOTAL	667	667

SUICIDES

NATURE

AIRPLANE CRASH	1	
BURNING	5	
CARBON MONOXIDE (AUTO EXHAUST)	93	
CUTTING	26	
DROWNING	16	
ILLUMINATING GAS	9	
INJECTION OF INSULIN	1	
RAN IN FRONT OF TRUCK	1	
SHOOTING	213	
STABBING	5	
STRANGULATION	87	
TOTAL	457	457

JUMPING:

FROM BRIDGE	3	
FROM BUILDING	33	
IN FRONT OF STREET CAR	1	
IN FRONT OF TRAIN	3	
THREW SELF UNDER TRUCK	1	
TOTAL	41	41

POISONING:

AMYTAL	1
ANT PASTE	14
ARSENIC	10
BARBITURATES	65
BARBITURATE, ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID & CODEINE	1
BARBITURATE AND SALICYLATE	1
BICHLORIDE OF MERCURY	1
CHLORODANE	1
CYANIDE	7
DEVINAL	1
DIGITALIS	1
FLUORIDE	3
LYE	1
MEMBARAL	2
MERCURY	1
METHANOL	1
NEMBUTAL	2
NICOTINE (BLACK LEAF 40)	6
OXALIC ACID	1

SUICIDES

NATURE

POISONING: (Cont'd.)

PENTOBARBITAL	17	
PENTOBARBITAL AND CHLORAL HYDRATE	1	
PHENOBARBITAL	9	
PHENOL	1	
PROPIONYL CHLORIDE	1	
SECONAL	15	
TETRAETHYL PYROPHOSPHATE	1	
TUINAL	3	
UNKNOWN CHEMICAL	1	
TOTAL	169	169
TOTAL		667

SUICIDES

CAUSES

AFTER ATTEMPTING TO SHOOT WIFE	1	
AFTER COMMITTING MURDER	2	
AFTER MURDER OF EX-WIFE	1	
AFTER MURDER OF WIFE	2	
AFTER SHOOTING EX-WIFE	1	
AFTER SHOOTING WIFE AND DAUGHTER	1	
DESPONDENCY	233	
DESPONDENT OVER ARREST	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	28	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	4	
FEAR OF ARREST	1	
FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES	6	
ILL HEALTH	190	
ILLUMINATING GAS EXPLOSION	1	
INSANITY	1	
LOVE AFFAIR	5	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	41	
MENTAL CONDITION	8	
MENTAL ILLNESS	5	
PLAYING RUSSIAN ROULETTE	1	
TIRED OF LIFE	2	
UNEMPLOYMENT	2	
UNKNOWN	130	
TOTAL	667	667

HOMICIDES

JULY	1951	14	
AUGUST	1951	15	
SEPTEMBER	1951	21	
OCTOBER	1951	14	
NOVEMBER	1951	12	
DECEMBER	1951	16	
JANUARY	1952	12	
FEBRUARY	1952	16	
MARCH	1952	17	
APRIL	1952	11	
MAY	1952	10	
JUNE	1952	14	
	TOTAL	172	172

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MALE	122	
FEMALE	50	
TOTAL	172	172

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	113	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	54	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	3	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	172	172

AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	7	
2 to 5 YEARS	5	
5 to 10 YEARS	3	
10 to 20 YEARS	8	
20 to 45 YEARS	102	
45 to 65 YEARS	39	
65 YEARS AND OVER	7	
TOTAL	172	172

HOMICIDES

NATURE

AIRPLANE CRASH	1	
ASSAULTED	2	
BEATEN	3	
BURNS	3	
CARRIED BY MOTHER JUMPING FROM BUILDING	1	
CUTTING	6	
DROWNING	1	
FIGHTING	12	
HEAD INJURY	1	
POISONING	2	
SHOOTING	81	
SHOOTING AND STABBING	1	
STABBING	34	
STRANGULATION	3	
STRUCK WITH FIST	4	
STRUCK WITH OBJECT	15	
SUFFOCATION	2	
TOTAL	172	172

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JUSTIFIABLE	39	
UNJUSTIFIABLE	131	
UNDETERMINED	1	
EXCUSABLE	1	
TOTAL	172	172

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BY A KNOWN PERSON	93	
BY AN UNKNOWN PERSON	25	
BY BROTHER	1	
BY DAUGHTER	1	
BY EX-HUSBAND	1	
BY FATHER	3	
BY HUSBAND	12	
BY MOTHER	10	
BY OFFICER	17	
BY SON	2	
BY WIFE	7	
TOTAL	172	172

HOMICIDES

CAUSES

JUSTIFIABLE:

ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF RIFLE	1	
ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING	1	
ATTEMPTED BURGLARY	1	
ATTEMPTING TO EVADE ARREST	1	
DURING ALTERCATION	12	
DURING HOLDUP	2	
DURING ROBBERY	1	
EVADING ARREST	7	
FORCIBLE ENTRY	1	
ILLEGAL ENTRY	1	
MISTAKEN FOR PROWLER	1	
RESISTING ARREST	6	
SELF DEFENSE	4	
TOTAL	39	39

UNJUSTIFIABLE:

ARGUMENT OVER MONEY	1	
BURGLARY	1	
COMBATIVE MENTAL PATIENT	1	
DOMESTIC DIFFICULTIES	3	
DURING ALTERCATION	62	
DURING HOLDUP	2	
DURING ROBBERY	5	
FAMILY DIFFICULTIES	2	
FOUND IN AN INCINERATOR	1	
INFATUATION	1	
JEALOUSY	3	
LOVE AFFAIR	1	
LOVE TRIANGLE	1	
LOVERS QUARREL	1	
MARITAL DIFFICULTIES	8	
MENTAL CONDITION	6	
MOTHER'S DESPONDENCY	1	
RAPE	1	
RESISTING ARREST	1	
REVENGE	1	
STABBED BY PROWLER	1	
UNKNOWN	26	
UNWANTED BABY	1	
TOTAL	131	131

HOMICIDES

CAUSES (CONTINUED)

UNDETERMINED:		
DURING ALTERCATION	1	
	1	1
EXCUSABLE:		
DURING ALTERCATION	1	
	1	1
TOTAL		172

ABORTIONS

CRIMINAL: BY PHYSICIAN	1	
CRIMINAL: BY KNOWN PERSON	3	
CRIMINAL: BY UNKNOWN PERSON	1	
CRIMINAL OR SELF INDUCED	2	
SELF INDUCED	7	
SPONTANEOUS	1	
TOTAL	15	15

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	11	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	2	
UNKNOWN	2	
TOTAL	15	15

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DIVORCED	2	
MARRIED	7	
SINGLE	6	
TOTAL	15	15

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20 to 45 YEARS	15	15

ALCOHOLISM

MALE	13	
FEMALE	8	
TOTAL	21	21

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	15	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	6	
TOTAL	21	21

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AGES

20 to 45 YEARS	15	
45 to 65 YEARS	6	
TOTAL	21	21

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UNKNOWN CAUSES

MALE	7	
FEMALE	4	
TOTAL	11	11

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	5	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	6	
TOTAL	11	11

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AGES

LESS THAN ONE YEAR	3	
20 to 45 YEARS	5	
45 to 65 YEARS	3	
TOTAL	11	11

UNKNOWN CAUSES - CONTINUED

UNDETERMINED AFTER PATHOLOGICAL EXAMINATION DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS CHEMICAL AND MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC, CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER PATHOLOGICAL AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED AFTER GROSS MICROSCOPIC AND TOXICOLOGICAL EXAMINATION	1	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO DECOMPOSITION	5	
UNDETERMINED DUE TO ADVANCED STATE OF DECOMPOSITION AND POST MORTEM BURNS	1	
TOTAL	11	11

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

JULY	1951	7	
AUGUST	1951	2	
SEPTEMBER	1951	3	
OCTOBER	1951	0	
NOVEMBER	1951	0	
DECEMBER	1951	0	
JANUARY	1952	2	
FEBRUARY	1952	0	
MARCH	1952	2	
APRIL	1952	30	
MAY	1952	1	
JUNE	1952	0	
	TOTAL	47	47

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MALE	41	
FEMALE	6	
TOTAL	47	47

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IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES	2	
IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES O/S LOS ANGELES CITY	44	
OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY	1	
TOTAL	47	47

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PASSENGER	33	
PILOT	12	
CO-PILOT	1	
STEWARDESS	1	
TOTAL	47	47

ACCIDENTAL	39	
INDUSTRIAL	8	
TOTAL	47	47

AIRPLANE FATALITIES

(CONTINUED)

AGES

10 to 20 YEARS	3	
20 to 45 YEARS	31	
45 to 65 YEARS	4	
65 YEARS AND OVER	2	
UNKNOWN	7	
TOTAL	47	47

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TYPE OF PLANE

ARMY	1	
ARMY JET	1	
COMMERCIAL	29	
HELICOPTER	1	
MAIL HELICOPTER	1	
PLEASURE	14	
TOTAL	47	47

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CAUSES

EXPERIMENTAL PLANE OF UNTRIED DESIGN	1	
LOST CONTROL	2	
MECHANICAL FAILURE OF PROPELLER	1	
MECHANICAL FAILURE	1	
MOTOR TROUBLE	1	
PASSENGER INTERFERRED WITH CONTROLS	1	
STRUCK POWER LINE	2	
WEATHER CONDITIONS	1	
UNKNOWN	37	
TOTAL	47	47

INQUESTS

		CORONER'S INQUEST ROOM	L.A. CITY & COUNTY OUTSIDE INQ. ROOM	TOTALS
JULY	1951	29	15	44
AUGUST	1951	26	11	37
SEPTEMBER	1951	25	9	34
OCTOBER	1951	23	13	36
NOVEMBER	1951	21	17	38
DECEMBER	1951	34	26	60
JANUARY	1952	21	21	42
FEBRUARY	1952	27	14	41
MARCH	1952	26	25	51
APRIL	1952	20	16	36
MAY	1952	25	15	40
JUNE	1952	27	25	52
	TOTAL	304	207	511

AUTOPSIES

		CORONER'S MORTUARY	L.A.CITY & CO. O/S MORTUARY	GENERAL HOSPITAL	TOTALS
JULY	1951	115	160	9	284
AUGUST	1951	123	154	8	285
SEPTEMBER	1951	118	132	9	259
OCTOBER	1951	120	154	13	287
NOVEMBER	1951	113	165	11	289
DECEMBER	1951	143	200	12	355
JANUARY	1952	121	173	10	304
FEBRUARY	1952	126	150	16	292
MARCH	1952	147	193	10	350
APRIL	1952	114	140	11	265
MAY	1952	109	174	12	295
JUNE	1952	128	174	12	314
	TOTAL	1477	1969	133	3579

INVESTIGATIONS - NO AUTOPSIES	4555
TOTAL	8134

MISCELLANEOUS DATA

BODIES OF CHILDREN (UNDER 14 YEARS) EMBALMED: NO FEE	155
BODIES ASSIGNED TO COUNTY WELFARE: NO FEE	177
BODIES ASSIGNED TO CATHOLIC WELFARE: NO FEE	55
EMBALMING EXEMPTIONS FOR INDIGENT PERSONS UNDER SECTION 27471 OF GOVERNMENT CODE OF CALIFORNIA: NO FEE	24
TOTAL NUMBER EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY FOR WHICH NO FEES WERE COLLECTED	411
BODIES EMBALMED FOR WHICH FEES WERE COLLECTED	2824
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES EMBALMED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3235
BODIES EMBALMED BY UNDERTAKERS BEFORE DELIVERY TO CORONER'S MORTUARY	231
TOTAL NUMBER OF BODIES HANDLED AT CORONER'S MORTUARY	3466
CORONER'S CASES HANDLED BY LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY UNDERTAKERS O/S CORONER'S MORTUARY	4668
TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY COUNTY CORONER JULY 1, 1951 TO JUNE 30, 1952	8134

MILES TRAVELED TO CONDUCT INQUESTS AND INVESTIGATIONS	12259
MILES TRAVELED BY SURGEONS TO PERFORM AUTOPSIES AND APPEAR AS WITNESSES	66874
MILES TRAVELED BY AMBULANCES TO TRANSPORT BODIES	21695
TRANSCRIPTS SOLD	336
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: NO FEE	17
TRANSCRIPTS FILED WITH COUNTY CLERK	414
TRANSCRIPTS FURNISHED DISTRICT ATTORNEY	414
TOTAL NUMBER OF COPIES OF TRANSCRIPTS PREPARED	1611
PAGES OF TESTIMONY PREPARED	11214
VERDICTS OF CORONER AND AUTOPSY FINDINGS	3579
VERDICTS OF JURIES	414
JURORS SUMMONED TO SERVE ON CORONER'S INQUESTS	3577
WITNESSES SUBPOENAED TO TESTIFY AT INQUESTS	2555
ESTATES DELIVERED TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR	184
CASES REPORTED TO CORONER, DEATH CERTIFICATE SIGNED BY PRIVATE PHYSICIAN. THESE CASES CLASSIFIED "NOT A CORONER'S CASE"	477
SUBPOENAS SERVED ON MEDICAL STAFF	376

CASE LOAD COMPARISON

TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1950-1951	7774
TOTAL CASES FOR FISCAL YEAR 1951-52	8134
INCREASE	360

REPORT OF TOXICOLOGICAL LABORATORY

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED FOR TESTS 2521

TYPE AND NUMBER OF TESTS PERFORMED

	Specimens	Tests
Acetophenetidine	1	1
Arsenic	29	53
Alcohol (ethyl) only	2263	5259
Alcohol (ethyl) with other tests	171	378
Alcohol Iso Propyl	1	5
Alcohol Methyl	5	12
Alkaloids	1	100
Barbiturates	171	1183
Beryllium	1	10
Bromides	1	1
Carbon tetrachloride	4	36
Chloralhydrate	1	1
Chloride (drowning)	12	24
Codeine	1	100
Corrosives	1	5
Creatinine	9	9
Cyanide	14	20
Dichlorethyl ether	1	2
Dilantin	4	9
Fluorine	6	10
Heroin	7	610
Lead	4	4
Lysol	1	25
Magnesium (drowning)	3	5
Mercury	9	10
Metals, spectrograph	6	60
Methadon	1	10
Methapyrilene	1	10
Methylbromide	1	1
Nicotine	3	7
Oxalic acid	1	10
Paraldehyde	1	1
Poisons	2	125
Salicylates	12	12
Salicylamide	1	1
Silica	11	11
Strychnine	1	3
TOTAL	2762	8123

SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC TESTS

NUMBER OF CASES SUBMITTED TO PATHOLOGICAL LABORATORY	1033
NUMBER OF MICROSCOPIC EXAMINATIONS	2138
NUMBER OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS	70
NUMBER OF BLOOD TESTS FOR CARBON MONOXIDE	225
NUMBER OF GROSS SPECIMENS PREPARED FOR EVIDENCE	56
NUMBER OF PHOTOGRAPH NEGATIVES MADE AND PROCESSED	508

EXPENDITURES

FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

	EXPENDITURES
SALARIES AND WAGES	$252,751.47
MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION	39,134.59
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,328.87
TOTAL	$293,214.93

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REVENUES COLLECTED

FISCAL YEAR 1951-52

EMBALMING FEES	$ 71,275.00
SALE OF TRANSCRIPTS	6,331.33
WITNESS FEES	233.60
SHERIFF'S FEES	2.35
GENERAL FUND	.00
TOTAL	$ 77,842.28

CHEMICAL ANALYSIS - ALCOHOL

If victim lives twenty-four or more hours after injury, tests for alcohol are not made, as the alcohol would be completely oxidized.

Each positive case is individually interpreted in terms of elapsed time and amount to show extent of influence of the alcohol.

	POSITIVE TESTS	NEGATIVE TESTS
AUTO-COLLISION and NON-COLLISION	114	190
	37.5%	62.5%
AUTO-PEDESTRIAN	52	140
	27.1%	72.9%
HOMICIDES	76	89
	46.1%	53.9%
SUICIDES	135	341
	28.4%	71.6%